

Application Number 09/368,817  
Amendment dated December 16, 2005  
Responsive to Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005

### REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 18, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 26, 27, 28, and 32–34, and canceled claims 1–6, 30, and 31. Claims 20–23, 26–29, 32–35, and 40–43 are pending.

### Allowable Subject Matter

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 20–23 and 40–43 were allowed.

In addition, the Examiner indicated that claim 31 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 26 to include all subject matter recited by 30 and 31. Consequently, claim 26 and the claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

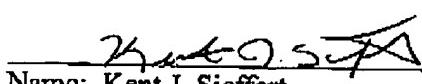
All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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